Bridges over railway lines in Maharashtra

307. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals from Maharashtra Government to raise or widen the bridges over railway lines in Maharashtra pending with Ministry of Railways and since when indicating the details in each case; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government in regard thereto and by when all these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Proposals only for widening of five road-over/under-bridges have been received. A statement showing the details of these works is attached (*See* below)

(b) These works will be taken up for execution by the Railways on deposit terms after the plans and estimates are approved and the estimated cost deposited by the State Government/Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Statement

The details of proposals forwidening of five road-over/under-bridges in Maharashtra which have been received by the Railways, are as follows :—

S. No.	Details of work	Present status
1	Widening of road-overbridge at Km. 21/2-3 near Mankhurd	Proposal was reeeived in July, 1985. Drawings have been finalised; estimate is under preparation.
2	Widening of road-overbridge at Km. 47/4-5 on Kalyan-Shil Road.	Proposal was received in May 1988. Site details are awaited from the State P.W.D.
3	Widening of road-overbridge at Chembur at Km. 17/6-7.	Proposal was received in March 1983. Plans and estimate have been finalised. Removal of hutments/encroachments has not yet been arranged by the State authorities.
4	Widening of road-under-bridge near Kaman on National Highway No. 8.	Proposal was received in May 1986. Site details are awaited from the State PWD.
5	Widening of road-under-bridge at FCI Circle on Kurla-Trombay section.	Proposal was received in January, 1985. Technical details are yet to be finalised by the State PWD.

Arjun Awards to Kho-Kho/Kabaddi players

308. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 'Arjun Awards' given to Kho-Kho and Kabaddi players respectively till today;

(b) whether it is a fact that Arjun Awards are given to Kho-Kho or Kabaddi players only in alternate years; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Arjuna Award has been conferred on 12 sports persons in Kho-Kho and on 7 sports persons in Kabaddi till date;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Demand of commuters for starting couple of local trains from Dombivali

309. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the constant demand of commuters of Dombivali, district Thana for starting couple of local trains from Dombivali Railway station;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not agreeing to this demand;

(c) whether Government are aware that local trains which originate from Ghatkopar, Bhainder, Goregaon etc. in Bombay are having the same facilities as is available in Dombivali; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which Dombivali Railway station is being deprived of such facility and given step-motherly treatment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Multiplicity of intermediate terminals for running of suburban trains results in the reduction of the overall capacity aggravating over-crowding and inconveniencing majority of the passengers.

Chaotic conditions at Delhi Airport cargo complex

310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has lost export orders worth crores of rupees due to chaotic conditions at Delhi Airport cargo complex;

(b) whether the President of the Delhi Exporters Association has stated that there is a backlog of around 2000 tons of material at the Delhi Airport cargo complex;

(c) whether the orders worth crores of rupees have also been mised due to late deliveries; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) No, Sir, There is no chaotic condition at the Air Cargo Complex of Indira Gandhi International Airport. To reduce the backlog position of 2000 tonnes, Government of India have allowed all foreign airlines to freely operate cargo flights ex-India during the peak season from January to July in 1989 and 1990. During the peak season, carriers can bring inward cargo to make their operations viable. The national carrier is also increasing its cargo capacity. International Airports Authority of India has increased demurage free storage period of cargo at the IAAI Terminal in Delhi from six days to eleven days to help exporters.

Refresher course for DTC drivers

311. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any refresher course was conducted for DTC drivers during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether they were impressed upon to observe traffic rules scrupulously and give up rash driving; and